

## **Tab Divider #3 --- Your Neighborhood**

*Environmental improvements will also take place at the Community Center and the undeveloped 48 acres in your neighborhood. This portion of the guide describes what will be done at those areas and Moton Elementary School and the projected schedule for beginning and concluding these activities.*

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#### Section 1: Community Center

***Work at the Community Center coordinated with interior renovation program:***

- Sidewalks and parking lots removed and replaced
- Playground re-installed

The Community Center will be the first property in the soil removal action. The Community Center will be closed during the project and will be re-opened when activities are complete. The activities that will take place during the project at the Community Center are:

1. Property Preparation
2. Parking Lot/Sidewalk Removal
3. Soil Removal
4. Landscaping and Yard Restoration
5. Parking Lot/Sidewalk Replacement
6. Final Detailing

Each activity is described as follows:

1. Property Preparation. The Community Center property will be surveyed, and the locations of the underground utilities will be marked. Temporary fencing will be installed around the site. To determine an appropriate landfill to dispose of soils, samples will be collected and analyzed prior to shipping.

2. Parking Lot and Sidewalk Removal. The parking lot and sidewalks will be removed from the Community Center. Concrete removal will be done with heavy equipment and should be completed within the first week.

3. Soil Removal. A variety of equipment, including small excavators, backhoes, loaders, and dump trucks will be used to remove soils at the Community Center. Areas near structures and utilities may require hand digging so that utility lines are not damaged. The excavated soils will be loaded onto trucks for transport to an off-site, approved waste disposal facility. The soils may remain in the trucks at the Community Center property for a short time before shipping. Trucks with the excavated soil will be covered as an added precaution. A geotextile fabric will be placed in excavated areas and then filled with clean soil.

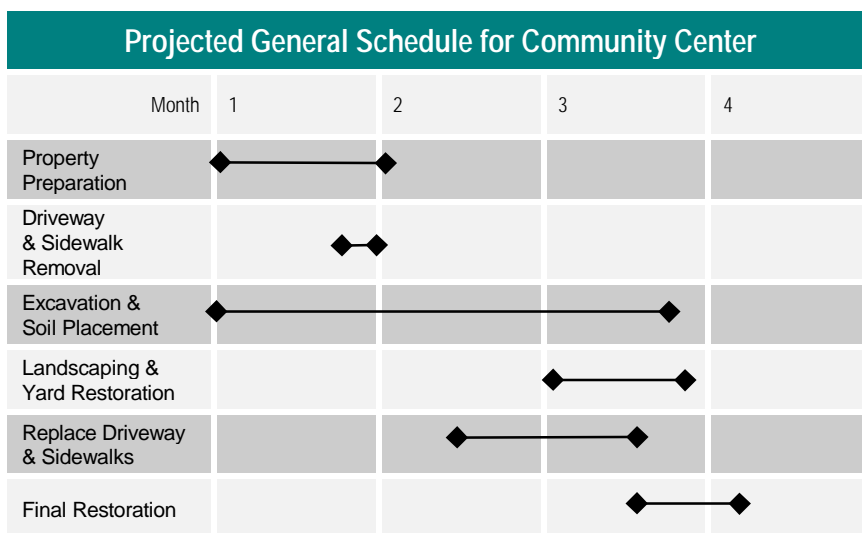
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4. Landscaping and Yard Restoration. After completing the placement of clean soils, grass sod will be planted. We will also replace any displaced or removed landscaping.

5. Parking Lot and Sidewalk Replacement. The sidewalk and parking lot will be replaced as soon as possible.

6. Final Detailing. The temporary fence and any construction materials or other debris will be removed upon completion of activities at the community center. The EPA is coordinating selection and installation of new playground equipment with the Housing Authority of New Orleans.

The following is the projected schedule of the work to be performed:



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#### Section 2: Undeveloped 48 Acres

***Work at the undeveloped 48 acres includes debris removal and installation of a containment cover:***

- Rodent control first step
- Clearing eliminates debris
- Action is appropriate for nonresidential property

Site work on the undeveloped 48 acres will involve the following steps:

1. Rodent Control
2. Clearing
3. Geotextile Fabric and Clean Fill Placement
4. Site Offices and Staging Areas
5. Final Housekeeping

The work to be performed in the undeveloped 48 acres is as follows:

1. Rodent Control. This step will actually begin several weeks before site work begins and will involve the entire neighborhood. Our goal is to ensure that project activities do not cause rodent populations to move into residential areas. In order to assure this, rodent control measures will be initiated prior to the start of construction activities. Before the rodent control program begins, flyers describing the activities will be distributed to the community.

2. Clearing. Most of the trees and all of the brush in the undeveloped area will be cut down and removed. All refuse and debris will be collected and properly disposed of as necessary. A fence will be in place around the undeveloped area at all times during construction.

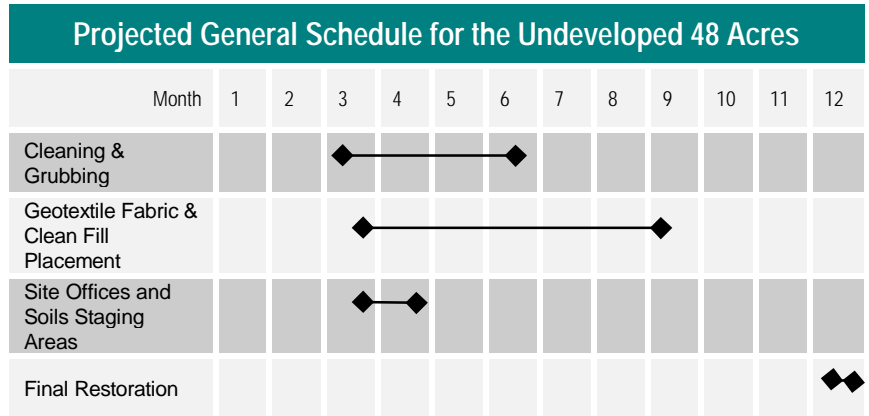
3. Geotextile Fabric and Clean Fill Placement. After an area has been cleared, the area will be graded and geotextile fabric placed over the graded surface. One foot of clean fill soil will be placed on top of the geotextile fabric. For erosion control purposes, the area will be seeded in order to stabilize the soil. The currently installed fence will remain until the project is completed.

4. Site Offices and Soils Staging Areas. A site office and soils staging areas will be located on the undeveloped property. We will also build roads on the undeveloped area to bear the majority of the heavy truck traffic. By routing heavy equipment through this undeveloped area, we expect to reduce the traffic associated with the work in your neighborhood.

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**5. Final Detailing.** When all site work is complete, the site offices, roads, and staging areas will be removed. We will re-seed any remaining areas and remove any debris from the site. The fence will also be removed.

The following projected schedule provides our estimate of when the work in the undeveloped area will be performed:



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#### **Section 3: Groundwater and Moton Elementary School**

***Groundwater and Moton  
Elementary School will be  
removed from the  
Superfund National  
Priority List:***

- No Actions Needed

The EPA has selected No Action as the remedy for groundwater. The EPA's rationale for this decision is that the remedial investigation determined that groundwater is not drinkable in the area. Therefore, groundwater with or without the presence of site contaminants would still not be usable due to salt water intrusion.

The EPA has also selected No Action as the remedy for Moton School. The EPA's rationale for this decision is that previous actions have addressed all risks posed by this portion of the site and no further action is necessary. Information obtained in the course of site investigations indicated that a minimum of 3-foot layer of clean fill had been placed over the property during construction of the school facility in 1985. The Moton Elementary School property was further evaluated in the Human Health Risk assessment, which concluded that no risk attributable to site related contaminants remained at the school property.

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